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Political Science

Concordia
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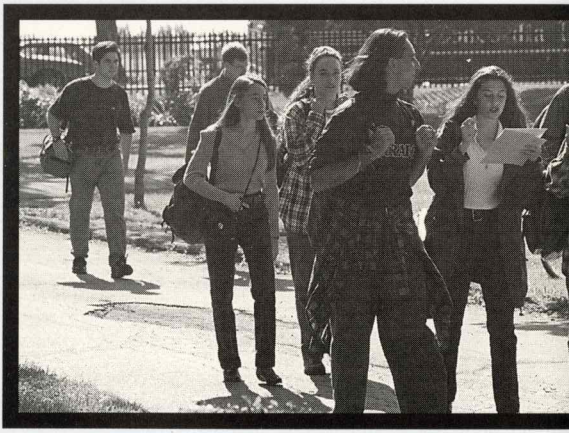
WHY POLITICAL SCIENCE?

A brief look at contemporary societies shows a heightened public recognition that the key decisions which affect our lives are political decisions. Individuals are increasingly aware of the fact that a greater proportion of significant social changes can only be realized through politics. Thus the interest and excitement of political study has increased immeasurably.

The study of Political Science serves two different functions. On the one hand, it stimulates the interest of those students who want a clear grasp of contemporary political developments, both domestic and international. On the other hand, it provides a sound undergraduate training of specialists who intend to pursue graduate studies in such areas as government and politics, law, international affairs and diplomacy, as well as public and private sector service.



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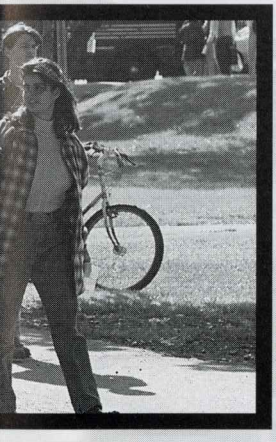
WHY AT CONCORDIA?

The Department of Political Science offers a wide range of courses to acquaint students with the complex work of contemporary governments and politics. Class sizes have been maintained at a manageable level, which enables faculty members to establish a direct relationship with each one of their students. The curriculum provides the theoretical foundations, analytical skills, and research methods for understanding the making of government policy as well as the underlying nature and purpose of political processes.

What sets the Political Science department apart from others is that it is not limited to any single perspective on the scope of political science, nor to any orthodoxy regarding methods, approaches or theories in the discipline. In addition, both the undergraduate and graduate programs have the option of permitting students to complete an internship program with the Public Service Commission of Canada. The graduates of Political Science are well-rounded, concerned citizens, prepared for careers in the public service and the private sector.



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STUDY OPTIONS

Undergraduate level:
Honours in Political Science (60 credits)
Major in Political Science (42 credits)
Minor in Political Science (24 credits)

Graduate level:
Masters in Public Policy and Public Administration (MPPPA)

This is a 45-credit program which has three options: Courses, Internship and Thesis. This is a competitive program where 25 to 28 students are admitted per year. All internships are provided by the department usually in conjunction with the Federal Government in Ottawa.

"I found the professors in the department of Political Science to be an approachable, energetic and influential group of academics. They are excited about what they teach and it made for an enjoyable atmosphere for learning. Concordia's program is very diverse, allowing you to pursue a variety of interests."
Dwayne Pretli
BA Honours Political Science, 1997

"Concordia's MA degree in policy analysis has trained me to think differently, to think critically. It has changed the way I see the world and has given me confidence in a lot of other areas in my life. I am very glad that I came here."
Jocelyne Cottier,
BA Honours Political Science, 1995
Current Master's student in the MPPA program

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